

REMARKS

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-identified patent application, please enter the foregoing amendments.

Claims 7-13 are pending in the above-identified patent application, as presented in the "*Literal English Translation of P.C.T. Application No. PCT/CH2003/000719, Filed November 4, 2003,*" entered during the P.C.T. international phase of P.C.T. Application No. PCT/CH2003/000719, and as entered by the instant Preliminary Amendment. Claim 7 is the single independent claim now pending in the application.

The present application represents the U.S. National Phase of P.C.T. Application No. PCT/CH2003/000719, filed November 4, 2003, and claiming foreign priority on the basis of a corresponding Switzerland patent application, filed November 11, 2002.

By the present amendments, original Claims 1-6, as presented in the Literal English Translation of P.C.T. Application No. PCT/CH2003/000719 have been cancelled and substituted by new Claims 7-13, which are intended to conform more closely to U.S. claim practice.

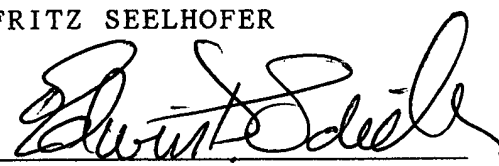
The Specification has been amended to add standard U.S. sectional headings.

The application is now in condition for a full examination on the merits.

Accordingly, an early examination on the merits and allowance are, therefore, respectfully requested and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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